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**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of customizing a rule-based application, the method comprising:  
designating a customizable element of a set as a customizable template, the customizable element being selected by an end-user;  
compiling said customizable element into at least one object to form a ruleset;  
and  
parsing said set to detect said customizable element designated as a customizable template; and  
enabling a customization of said rule-based application in a deployment environment.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said set comprises a ruleset.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising customizing said customizable element.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said customizable element comprises a variable.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said customizable element comprises a rule.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said customizable element comprises a ruleset.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising designating a ruleset of said set as a customizable ruleset template.

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9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising generating a customized ruleset from the customizable ruleset template.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising enabling customization in a development environment.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising re-editing a previously generated rule.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a new ruleset is generated from a customizable ruleset template, and a pre-existing customizable rule template is associated with said new ruleset and is unchanged.

14. – 31. (Cancelled)

32. (New) A method of customizing a rule-based application, the method comprising:

designating a customizable element of a set as a customizable template, the customizable element being selected by an end-user, where the customizable element is one of: a variable, a rule, or a ruleset;

compiling said customizable element into at least one object to form a ruleset;

parsing said set to detect said customizable element designated as a customizable template;

enabling customization of said rule-based application in a deployment environment; and

customizing said customizable element in said deployment environment, where said customizing comprises generating a new ruleset from a customizable ruleset

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template, and where a pre-existing customizable rule template is associated with said new ruleset and is unchanged.